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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FRENCH INSTRUCTION ON THE SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, 1938.

Appointments and Transfers

Mr. Rémi Millette, B.A., B.Paed., formerly assistant principal of the Sturgeon Falls High School, was appointed to R.C. Separate Division III, with residence in Cochrane. Mr. Millette, who replaced Mr. Rosario Masse, B.A., began his duties on September 1st, 1938.

Mr. Adélard Gascon, B.A., was transferred from R.C. Separate Division VII, Windsor, to R.C. Separate Division XIX and District Division XII, Part II, with residence in Ottawa.

Mr. Lucien Laplante, M.A., was transferred from R.C. Separate Division XIX and District Division XII, Part II, Ottawa, to R.C. Separate Division VII, with residence in Windsor.

Training of Teachers—Improvement in Qualifications

In 1937-38, there were 196 teachers-in-training at the University of Ottawa Normal School, 170 of whom were enrolled in the Second Class course, and 26 in the First Class course. As a result of the term and final examinations, 17 students were awarded First Class teachers' certificates and 121 obtained Second Class certificates.

The use of rural ungraded schools for some of the practice teaching in connection with the training of future teachers was a happy and successful innovation.

The following table shows the number of French-speaking teachers holding First or Second Class certificates in 1938, and the progress made in this regard since 1929.

Total number of teachers under French-speaking inspectors, November 1938	1,316
Total number of teachers holding I or II class certificates, November 1938	1,135
Total per cent. of teachers holding I or II class certificates, November 1938	86.24
Total per cent. of teachers holding I or II class certificates, November 1937	79.46
Total per cent. of teachers holding I or II class certificates, November 1929	25.11

Age-Grade Distribution of Pupils in Elementary Schools

The following tables present a compilation of the French-speaking School Inspectors' Annual Age-Grade Summary Reports for May 1938:—

TABLE No. 1

AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1938

(A) Separate and Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	233	2,563	3,984	2,404	1,101	507	218	112	66	18	5	.....	1	.....	......	11,216	23.66
II	......	......	70	1,008	2,256	1,773	1,008	477	229	120	43	4	2	2	.....	......	6,992	14.75
III	......	......	1	82	738	1,527	1,192	736	409	194	65	26	4	.....	.....	......	4,974	10.49
IV	......	......	......	8	186	865	1,587	1,282	852	454	224	76	13	1	.....	......	5,548	11.71
V	......	......	......	......	26	252	1,034	1,512	1,371	969	477	162	21	4	.....	......	5,828	12.30
VI	......	......	......	......	1	28	288	919	1,321	1,119	759	281	50	9	.....	......	4,775	10.07
VII	......	......	......	......	......	2	23	247	828	1,123	924	457	142	17	1	......	3,764	7.95
VIII	......	......	......	......	......	......	2	44	290	727	879	626	297	41	7	......	2,913	6.15
IX	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2	18	106	202	211	138	40	8	2	727	1.53
X	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	3	15	63	134	142	63	19	4	443	.93
Auxiliary Classes	......	......	......	......	1	6	7	14	15	30	47	74	17	5	1	......	217	.46
Grand Totals	4	233	2,634	5,082	5,612	5,554	5,648	5,451	5,448	4,923	3,701	2,056	826	183	36	6	47,397	....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	2	104	576	871	713	370	196	102	59	31	9	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,036	
	Girls	1	69	563	869	563	287	115	53	21	17	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2,565	5,601
II	Boys	.....	.....	12	125	367	419	289	153	87	45	19	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1,519	
	Girls	.....	.....	13	149	357	340	196	102	45	18	10	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1,232	2,751
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	6	98	271	243	177	124	64	26	5	1	.....	.....	.....	1,016	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	17	133	270	218	147	68	28	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	885	1,901
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	105	262	257	191	115	57	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,030	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	3	44	171	273	209	131	49	17	5	5	.....	.....	.....	907	1,937
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35	154	263	295	225	109	37	5	.....	.....	.....	1,124	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	52	234	338	261	168	50	15	2	.....	.....	.....	1,123	2,247
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	36	127	224	216	153	57	4	1	.....	.....	820	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	76	199	302	205	95	26	3	.....	.....	.....	919	1,739
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	32	127	176	185	68	24	3	.....	.....	618	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	57	201	241	163	60	12	2	.....	.....	743	1,361
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	40	96	151	94	44	7	2	.....	438	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	56	164	198	105	45	5	1	.....	587	1,025
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	16	19	12	8	1	.....	65	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	48	40	24	1	2	1	138	203
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7	7	5	2	3	31	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	17	23	36	17	3	.....	99	130
Totals By Sexes	Boys	2	104	589	1,002	1,205	1,202	1,183	1,115	1,149	975	732	308	99	24	5	3	9,697	
	Girls	1	69	576	1,038	1,101	1,132	1,120	1,117	1,088	912	605	278	127	27	6	1	9,198	
Grand Totals	......	3	173	1,165	2,040	2,306	2,334	2,303	2,232	2,237	1,887	1,337	586	226	51	11	4	....	18,895

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) Urban

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	1	25	662	1,166	646	277	135	49	18	10	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,994	
	Girls	.....	35	762	1,078	482	167	61	14	14	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,621	5,615
II	Boys	.....	.....	12	325	719	527	330	154	60	37	10	2	.....	1	.....	.....	2,177	
	Girls	.....	.....	33	409	813	487	193	68	37	20	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,064	4,241
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	10	204	487	409	272	138	77	31	14	3	.....	.....	.....	1,645	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	49	303	499	322	140	79	25	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,428	3,073
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	4	48	254	511	429	329	191	120	43	6	.....	.....	.....	1,935	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	1	68	335	541	387	201	99	30	11	2	1	.....	.....	1,676	3,611
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	53	254	420	413	340	186	77	10	3	.....	.....	1,764	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	112	392	491	402	236	132	33	4	1	.....	.....	1,817	3,581
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	54	258	377	359	299	141	32	8	.....	.....	1,533	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	122	335	418	339	212	57	11	.....	.....	.....	1,503	3,036
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	68	212	322	321	199	86	11	.....	.....	1,227	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	90	288	384	255	130	20	1	1	.....	1,176	2,403
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	86	182	235	204	116	18	3	.....	853	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	19	108	285	295	223	92	11	1	.....	1,035	1,888
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	28	56	51	46	15	5	1	206	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	51	82	101	56	16	.....	.....	318	524
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	13	35	57	28	11	1	152	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	26	69	42	13	3	.....	161	313
Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	5	9	11	13	25	42	11	4	1	.....	125	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	5	4	17	22	32	6	1	.....	.....	92	217
Grand Totals	.....	1	60	1,469	3,042	3,306	3,220	3,345	3,219	3,211	3,036	2,364	1,470	600	132	25	2	....	28,502

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(B) Separate Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	192	2,357	3,737	2,190	973	451	195	101	63	16	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,283	23.41
II	.....	.....	47	927	2,128	1,630	935	447	199	106	37	4	2	1	.....	.....	6,463	14.71
III	.....	.....	1	81	705	1,427	1,094	673	371	183	62	26	4	.....	.....	.....	4,627	10.53
IV	.....	.....	.....	8	164	804	1,467	1,173	778	413	212	72	11	1	.....	.....	5,103	11.62
V	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	236	979	1,409	1,260	893	448	155	17	4	.....	.....	5,420	12.34
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	22	263	873	1,251	1,044	706	264	49	9	.....	.....	4,482	10.20
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	19	231	782	1,051	844	426	134	16	1	.....	3,506	7.98
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	269	681	813	571	275	39	7	.....	2,694	6.13
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	17	101	199	207	137	39	8	2	712	1.62
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	62	134	141	61	19	3	438	1.00
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	7	14	13	28	44	69	15	3	1	.....	201	.46
Grand Totals	4	192	2,405	4,753	5,208	5,100	5,216	5,055	5,044	4,578	3,443	1,932	785	173	36	5	43,929	....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	2	90	500	778	609	307	163	84	51	28	9	3					2,624	
	Girls	1	52	500	769	473	229	92	49	18	17	3						2,203	4,827
II	Boys			6	105	332	367	249	136	70	34	15	1	2				1,317	
	Girls			5	132	320	298	182	94	36	16	8	1					1,092	2,409
III	Boys			1	6	94	250	216	157	103	58	23	5	1				914	
	Girls				16	123	240	188	128	61	25	2	2					785	1,699
IV	Boys					17	90	218	228	161	99	51	16					880	
	Girls				3	36	144	242	170	116	43	15	4	3				776	1,656
V	Boys					1	29	145	234	249	197	92	35	2				984	
	Girls					2	48	207	293	224	146	46	11	1				978	1,962
VI	Boys						1	34	114	213	195	129	49	3	1			739	
	Girls					1	9	60	185	275	181	84	22	3				820	1,559
VII	Boys							1	25	111	159	159	62	22	3			542	
	Girls							6	50	182	207	137	54	10	2			648	1,190
VIII	Boys								3	35	84	131	85	37	5	2		382	
	Girls								8	44	147	177	88	43	5	1		513	895
IX	Boys									1	7	16	18	12	8	1		63	
	Girls									2	17	48	39	24	1	2	1	134	197
X	Boys											7	7	7	5	2	3	31	
	Girls									1	2	17	23	36	17	3		99	130
Totals By Sexes	Boys	2	90	507	889	1,053	1,044	1,026	981	994	861	634	281	86	22	5	3	8,478	
	Girls	1	52	505	920	955	968	977	977	959	801	535	244	120	25	6	1	8,046	
Grand Totals		3	142	1,012	1,809	2,008	2,012	2,003	1,958	1,953	1,662	1,169	525	206	47	11	4		16,524

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) Urban

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	1	18	623	1,131	633	273	135	48	18	10	4	1					2,895	
	Girls		32	734	1,059	475	164	61	14	14	8							2,561	5,456
II	Boys			8	304	689	503	315	149	59	36	10	2		1			2,076	
	Girls			28	386	787	462	189	68	34	20	4						1,978	4,054
III	Boys				10	195	471	385	257	128	75	31	14	3				1,569	
	Girls				49	293	466	305	131	79	25	6	5					1,359	2,928
IV	Boys				4	46	248	494	412	313	178	116	41	6				1,858	
	Girls				1	65	322	513	363	188	93	30	11	2	1			1,589	3,447
V	Boys					7	51	246	407	399	328	184	76	10	3			1,711	
	Girls					9	108	381	475	388	222	126	33	4	1			1,747	3,458
VI	Boys						5	50	252	364	343	292	137	32	8			1,483	
	Girls						7	119	322	399	325	201	56	11				1,440	2,923
VII	Boys						1	7	68	212	312	305	189	82	10			1,186	
	Girls						1	5	88	277	373	243	121	20	1	1		1,130	2,316
VIII	Boys								8	86	177	223	191	107	18	3		813	
	Girls							1	19	104	273	282	207	88	11	1		986	1,799
IX	Boys									4	27	54	51	46	15	5	1	203	
	Girls								2	10	50	81	99	55	15			312	515
X	Boys									1	6	12	35	56	26	11		147	
	Girls									1	7	26	69	42	13	3		161	308
Auxiliary Classes	Boys						4	5	9	9	11	22	37	9	2	1		109	
	Girls					1	2	2	5	4	17	22	32	6	1			92	201
Totals By Sexes	Boys	1	18	631	1,449	1,570	1,556	1,637	1,610	1,593	1,503	1,253	774	351	83	20	1	14,050	
	Girls		32	762	1,495	1,630	15,32	1,576	1,487	1,498	1,413	1,021	633	228	42	5		13,355	
Grand Totals		1	50	1,393	2,944	3,200	3,088	3,213	3,097	3,091	2,916	2,274	1,407	579	126	25	1		27,405

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(C) Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	41	206	247	214	128	56	23	11	3	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	933	26.90
II	.....	23	81	128	143	73	30	30	14	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	529	15.25
III	.....	.....	1	33	100	98	63	38	11	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	347	10.01
IV	.....	.....	.....	22	61	120	109	74	41	12	4	2	.....	.....	.....	445	12.83
V	.....	.....	.....	7	16	55	103	111	76	29	7	4	.....	.....	.....	408	11.77
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	25	46	70	75	53	17	1	.....	.....	.....	293	8.45
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	16	46	72	80	31	8	1	.....	.....	258	7.44
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	21	46	66	55	22	2	.....	.....	219	6.32
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	3	4	1	1	.....	.....	15	.43
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	.....	1	5	.14
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	3	5	2	2	.....	.....	16	.46
Grand Totals	41	229	329	404	454	432	396	404	345	258	124	41	10	.....	1	3,468	......

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	14	76	93	104	63	33	18	8	3	......	......	......	......	......	......	412	
	Girls	17	63	100	90	58	23	4	3	......	2	1	......	1	......	......	362	774
II	Boys	......	6	20	35	52	40	17	17	11	4	......	......	......	......	......	202	
	Girls	......	8	17	37	42	14	8	9	2	2	......	......	1	......	......	140	342
III	Boys	......	......	......	4	21	27	20	21	6	3	......	......	......	......	......	102	
	Girls	......	......	1	10	30	30	19	7	3	......	......	......	......	......	......	100	202
IV	Boys	......	......	......	9	15	44	29	30	16	6	1	......	......	......	......	150	
	Girls	......	......	......	8	27	31	39	15	6	2	1	2	......	......	......	131	281
V	Boys	......	......	......	......	6	9	29	46	28	17	2	3	......	......	......	140	
	Girls	......	......	......	1	4	27	45	37	22	4	4	1	......	......	......	145	285
VI	Boys	......	......	......	......	1	2	13	11	21	24	8	1	......	......	......	81	
	Girls	......	......	......	......	3	16	14	27	24	11	4	......	......	......	......	99	180
VII	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	2	7	16	17	26	6	2	......	......	......	76	
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	1	7	19	34	26	6	2	......	......	......	95	171
VIII	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	5	12	20	9	7	2	......	......	56	
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	1	4	12	17	21	17	2	......	......	......	74	130
IX	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	......	......	1	......	......	......	......	2	
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	3	......	1	......	......	......	......	4	6
Totals By Sexes	Boys	14	82	113	152	158	157	134	155	114	100	27	13	2	......	......	1,221	
	Girls	17	71	118	146	164	143	140	129	111	68	34	7	2	......	......	1,150	2,371
Grand Totals	......	31	153	231	298	322	300	274	284	225	168	61	20	4	......	......	2,371	......

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	7	39	35	13	4		1									99	
	Girls	3	28	19	7	3											60	159
II	Boys		4	21	30	24	15	5	1	1							101	
	Girls		5	23	26	25	4		3								86	187
III	Boys				9	16	24	15	10	2							76	
	Girls				10	33	17	9									69	145
IV	Boys				2	6	17	17	16	13	4	2					77	
	Girls				3	13	28	24	13	6							87	164
V	Boys				1	2	8	13	14	12	2	1					53	
	Girls				5	4	11	16	14	14	6						70	123
VI	Boys						4	6	13	16	7	4					50	
	Girls					2	3	13	19	14	11	1					63	113
VII	Boys									10	16	10	4	1			41	
	Girls						1	2	11	11	12	9					46	87
VIII	Boys							1		5	12	13	9				40	
	Girls								4	12	13	16	4				49	89
IX	Boys									1	2						3	
	Girls									1	1	2	1	1			6	9
X	Boys										1		1	2		1	5	
	Girls																	5
Auxiliary Classes	Boys								2	2	3	5	2	2			16	
	Girls																	16
GRAND TOTALS		10	76	98	106	132	132	122	120	120	90	63	21	6		1	1,097	1,097

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

TABLE No. 2

ANALYSIS OF AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO IDEAL AGE SPREAD IN ELEMENTARY RURAL AND URBAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1938

(A) **Separate and Public Schools**

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	4	0.04	6,780	60.45	4,432	39.51
II	....	....	3,334	47.68	3,658	52.32
III	1	.09	2,347	47.18	2,626	52.73
IV	8	.14	2,638	47.55	2,902	52.31
V	26	.46	2,798	48.00	3,004	51.54
VI	29	.61	2,528	52.94	2,218	46.45
VII	25	.66	2,198	58.39	1,541	40.94
VIII	46	1.58	1,896	65.09	971	33.33
IX	20	2.75	519	71.39	188	25.86
X	18	4.06	339	76.52	86	19.41
Totals	177	0.37	25,377	53.79	21,626	45.84

NOTE:—The 217 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary classes are not included in the above table.

(B) **Separate Schools**

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	4	0.04	6,286	61.13	3,993	38.83
II	....	....	3,102	48.00	3,361	52.00
III	1	.02	2,213	47.83	2,413	52.15
IV	8	.16	2,435	47.72	2,660	52.12
V	19	.35	2,624	48.41	2,777	51.24
VI	23	.51	2,387	53.26	2,072	46.23
VII	21	.59	2,064	58.88	1,421	40.53
VIII	39	1.45	1,763	65.44	892	33.11
IX	19	2.67	507	71.21	186	26.12
X	18	4.11	337	76.94	83	18.95
Totals	152	0.35	23,718	54.24	19,858	45.41

NOTE:—The 201 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary classes are not included in the above table.

(C) **Public Schools**

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	....	....	494	52.95	439	47.05
II	....	....	232	43.86	297	56.14
III	....	....	134	38.62	213	61.38
IV	....	....	203	45.62	242	54.38
V	7	1.72	174	42.65	227	55.63
VI	6	2.05	141	48.12	146	49.83
VII	4	1.55	134	51.94	120	46.51
VIII	7	3.20	133	60.73	79	36.07
IX	1	6.67	12	80.00	2	13.33
X	....	....	2	40.00	3	60.00
Totals	25	0.73	1,659	48.05	1,768	51.22

NOTE:—The 16 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary classes are not included in the above table.

TABLE No. 3

GRADE-ENROLMENT DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1938

(A) **Separate and Public Schools**

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I–IV	12,190	64.52	16,540	58.03	28,730	60.61
V–VIII	6,372	33.72	10,908	38.27	17,280	36.46
IX–X	333	1.76	837	2.94	1,170	2.47
Auxiliary	....	....	217	.76	217	.46

(B) **Separate Schools**

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I–IV	10,591	64.09	15,885	57.97	26,476	60.27
V–VIII	5,606	33.93	10,496	38.30	16,102	36.65
IX–X	327	1.98	823	3.00	1,150	2.62
Auxiliary	....	....	201	.73	201	.46

(C) **Public Schools**

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I–IV	1,599	67.44	655	59.71	2,254	65.00
V–VIII	766	32.31	412	37.56	1,178	33.96
IX–X	6	.25	14	1.27	20	.58
Auxiliary	....	....	16	1.46	16	.46

While the foregoing statistical tables show some progress over the situation reported in 1937, it is evident that much remains to be done yet in order to bring about a satisfactory age-grade distribution of pupils and to check the excessive drop in enrolment in the senior grades of the elementary school. It will be observed, for instance, that while 11,216 pupils were enrolled in Grade I classes of all elementary schools attended by French-speaking pupils in 1938, only 2,913 were found enrolled in Grade VIII classes. (Table No. 1, (A), (i)). This great discrepancy between the Grade I and Grade VIII enrolments would appear to be due largely to the fact that more than 50 per cent. of the pupils enrolled in Grades II, III, IV and V are too old for their respective classes, and are likely to drop out before reaching the higher grades of the school. (Table No. 2, (A)).

Of course, it will require some time, probably seven or eight years, before the conditions obtaining at present in the elementary schools are properly adjusted to the desired standards. That teachers and inspectors are sincerely applying themselves to correct the existing situation is unquestionable. The following

comparison, for instance, shows clearly the successful effort that has been put forth within the past year.

		Under Ideal Age Spread (per cent.)	Within Ideal Age Spread (per cent.)	Over Ideal Age Spread (per cent.)
Grade I	1937	0.03	53.28	46.69
	1938	.04	61.13	38.83
Grade II	1937	....	36.52	63.48
	1938	....	48.00	52.00
Grade III	1937	....	36.13	63.87
	1938	.02	47.83	52.15

See 1937 Report, Table No. 2, and Table No. 2, (B) of this Report.

That much progress in only one year augurs well for the future.

Secondary School Classes

The following table shows the number of French-speaking pupils enrolled in December 1938 in the special French courses of Collegiate Institutes, High and Continuation Schools under Departmental supervision.

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	Total
Number enrolled	327	182	155	143	32	839

There are, besides, 1,170 French-speaking pupils enrolled in Grades IX and X of the elementary schools (Table No. 1 (A), (i)) and approximately 1,000 who are taking these same courses in private schools and colleges. An effort will be made during the coming year to verify the last figure. Thus, in the province, there would be in all about 3,000 French-speaking pupils pursuing their studies in Grades IX to XIII in which advanced courses in French Grammar, French Literature and French Composition are given. If this number of 3,000 is compared with the approximate French-speaking school population from Grades I to XIII, say 50,000, we find that about 6 per cent. of the French-speaking pupils in Ontario remain at school beyond Grade VIII. This picture is not brightened when one analyses the table given above and observes that only 20 per cent. of those entering secondary schools reach either Grade XII or Grade XIII and that less than 4 per cent. attain Grade XIII.

Obviously, the main cause of this low and rapidly decreasing enrolment from grade to grade in the secondary schools is to be found and eradicated in the elementary school classes. Once the problem is solved in the elementary departments of the school, there should be automatic improvement in the secondary school enrolment and age-grade distribution of pupils. A continued effort should be made by teachers and inspectors to impress French-speaking parents and children with the importance of a good education. In some parts of the province, home and school clubs have been very helpful in that regard.

French Books in Secondary School Libraries

Marked progress was made during 1938 in the establishment and development of French libraries in the 16 secondary schools attended by French-speaking

pupils. The following table, which was compiled from Principals' reports, shows the number and value of French books purchased during 1937 and 1938.

	Number	Value
French books purchased in 1937	276	$204.95
French books purchased in 1938	729	413.77
Total number of French books in secondary school libraries, December 31st, 1938	3,373	1,597.97

Secondary school boards, principals and teachers are to be commended for adding so generously during 1938 to their school libraries. Such investments to provide their classes with appropriate material for supplementary reading are sound and profitable.

Preparation and Revision of French Text-Books

The work of revising French text-books now in use in schools attended by French-speaking pupils and of preparing additional books was carried on successfully during the year. Dr. Louis Charbonneau, a member of the teaching staff of the University of Ottawa Normal School, was relieved of his ordinary duties and assigned this special task. The revision of the two authorized texts, *Recueil de Morceaux Choisis* and *Lectures Choisies*, used for teaching French Literature in Grades IX to XIII was completed. Circular 23-B, containing the details of the courses in French given at the University of Ottawa Normal School was also revised. A vast amount of preliminary work in connection with the preparation of new French readers was undertaken; a new French pre-primer entitled *Frou-Frou et Fin-Fin* was prepared and will be ready for the opening of schools in September, 1939.

Provincial Contest

A Province-wide competition was organized during the year among the 3,000 Grade VIII French-speaking pupils. After winning preliminary tests in their own schools and inspectorates, twenty-two contestants—one boy and one girl from each of the eleven French-speaking inspectorates—took part in the finals held in Ottawa on May 25th, 1938. The four winners, who were awarded secondary school scholarships, were as follows:

1st boy: Jean-Guy Blais, 12 years old, of Sturgeon Falls;
1st girl: Gilberte Dubois, 12 years old, of Hawkesbury;
2nd boy: Roger Despatie, 12 years old, of Ottawa;
2nd girl: Jeannine Dubé, 12 years old, of Ottawa.

This contest was organized with two main objectives in view: firstly, to draw into closer co-operation the home and the school; secondly, to impress upon French-speaking parents and children the importance of secondary school education. Reports from teachers and inspectors all over the province show that this first attempt was very successful and that it should be repeated annually.

Teachers' Study Groups

A very interesting experiment was carried on during the year in the majority of French-speaking inspectorates. Teachers' study groups, known as *Cercles pédagogiques*, were organized with the special aim of acquainting the teachers thoroughly with the new Programme of Studies and other matters affecting particularly schools attended by French-speaking pupils. Inspectors report

favourably on the results obtained through the establishment of these study groups. In one of the Eastern Ontario inspectorates, for instance, the Inspector states that all the teachers under his jurisdiction are divided into four such groups, each group meeting with the Inspector once a month, on Friday evening, to study their particular school problems. In this case, of course, it means that the Inspector must spend practically every Friday evening with one-quarter of his teaching staff, but, according to this Inspector's report, the improvement noted in the classrooms is well worth the time and energy such conferences require. This spirit of co-operation between teachers and inspectors is to be highly commended.

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